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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the nonfinal Office Action mailed  
June 21, 2005. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in  
view of the amendments and remarks following.

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time extending the time for response from September 21, 2005 up to and including December 21, 2005. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the required \$1020.00 extension fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1703. Any other fees which may be due for any reason in connection with this Petition may likewise be charged.